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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: APPROACH TO GOM

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1. FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH BRITISH CHARGE, CONCERTED APPROACH WAS AGREED UPON WHICH INVOLVED MFA DEMARCHE FIRST BY BRITISH TO BE FOLLOWED UP BY SIMILAR U.S. APPROACH.

2. BRITISH CHARGE CALLED ON MFA AFRICA-ASIA DIVISION CHIEF MOHAMMED HALIM JUNE 12. HALIM RESPONDED THAT GOM FAVORED US-BRITISH APPROACH, WHICH ENTIRELY REFLECTED GOM'S POINT OF VIEW. HE NOTED AS LONG AS FRONTLINE STATES WERE WITH US, THIS WAS KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF INITIATIVE. HE URGED THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH FRONTLINE STATES AND LET THEM TAKE THE LEAD. AS TO OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE MEETING, HALIM TOLD BRITISH THAT SOME "LOUDMOUTHS" WERE INEVITABLE AND SAID THAT MOROCCO'S MEANS TO INFLUENCE DEBATE ON THIS TOPIC WERE LIMITED. BRITISH LEFT AIDE MEMOIRE, THE EXT OF WHICH WAS IDENTICAL TO TALKING POINTS REFTEL.

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3. EMBOFF CALLED ON HALIM JUNE 14 TO STATE THAT U.S. ASSOCIATED ITSELF ENTIRELY WITH EARLIER BRITISH DEMARCHE AND AFOREMENTIONED AIDE MEMOIRE. EMBOFF BRIEFLY HIGHLIGHTED POINTS IN INSTRUCTION. HALIM DID NOT COMMENT AGAIN ON UPCOMING LIBERATION COMMITTEE MEETING, WHICH HE WILL ATTEND, BUT REPEATED THAT GOM SUPPORTED OUR APPROACH AND SHARED OUR

SENSE OF URGENCY FOR A SOLUTION. HE SAID MOROCCO WAS FAR AWAY FROM THE PROBLEM AND WOULD FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THOSE MOST AFFECTED BY IT. AS LONG AS THESE STATES WERE WITH THE U.S. AND BRITAIN, SO WAS MOROCCO. EMBOFF ASKED HOW GOM SAW KNOMO'S RECENT ADMISSION THAT CUBANS WERE WORKING WITH HIS FORCES AND HALIM SAID THIS WORRISOME ELEMENT MADE IT ALL THE MORE URGENT THAT A SOLUTION BE FOUND.

4. COMMENT: AS USUAL, GOM WILL BE PREOCCUPED AT DAR ES SALAAM WITH SAHARA QUESTION, WHICH KEEPS IT FROM ROCKING THE BOAT ON WHAT IT CONSIDERS PERIPHERAL QUESTIONS. AS HALIM STRESSED, THE POSITIONS OF FRONTLINE STATES ARE KEY TO ITS POSTURE ON THIS QUESTION.
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